

CLAIM AMENDMENT

Please **AMEND** claims 14, 15 and 17, as follows.

1. (Previously Amended) An apparatus for controlling a focus position, comprising:
a display screen for displaying an image corresponding to a subject and a mark
representing a focus on the image;

a touch screen for moving the mark on said display screen;

a first memory unit for storing image data corresponding the image;

focus control means for controlling the focus on a position of the subject corresponding
to said mark and for compressing the image data stored in the first memory unit; and

a second memory unit for storing the compressed image data.

2-3. (Previously Cancelled)

4. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said focus control
means further calculates the focus position by processing image data corresponding to the mark
moved by said touch screen in order to focus the position of subject corresponding to the mark.

5. (Previously Amended) A digital still camera, comprising:
display means for showing an image corresponding to a subject and a mark representing a
focus position on the image;

first image store means for storing image data corresponding to the image;

a touch screen for moving the mark on said display means;

focus control means for controlling the focus on a position of the subject corresponding to the mark and for compressing the image data stored in the first memory unit; and

second image store means for storing the compressed image data.

6. (Previously Cancelled)

7. (Previously Amended) The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein said display means comprises a display screen that shows the image and the mark.

8. (Previously Amended) The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein said touch screen is established on a camera body.

9-10. (Previously Cancelled)

11. (Previously Amended) The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein said focus control means further calculates the focus position by processing image data corresponding to the mark moved by said touch screen in order to focus the position of the subject corresponding to the mark according to the focus position calculation.

12-13. (Previously Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) The digital still camera of claim ~~13~~ 11, wherein said focus control means restores the compressed image data stored in said second image storage means.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for operating a digital still camera ~~operator to control a focus position with the camera~~, comprising the steps of:

- (a) displaying a subject and a focus mark on a display screen;
- (b) storing image data corresponding to the subject;
- (c) ~~compressing the stored image data;~~
- (d) (c) determining a position on the display screen to which ~~the~~ an operator relocates the focus position based on the operator's manipulation of a touch screen;
- (e) (d) displaying the focus mark on the position to which the operator relocates the focus position;
- (f) (e) focusing the camera corresponding to the relocated focus position; ~~and~~
- (g) (f) photographing the subject with a focus at the relocated position of the focus mark and convert the photographed subjected into digital image data;
- (h) (g) compressing the digital image data;
- (i) (h) storing the compressed digital image data; and
- (j) (i) restoring the compressed digital image data as needed.

16. (Previously Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said focusing step ~~(f)~~ (e) further comprises the sub-step of calculating said focus position by processing image data corresponding to said relocated focus position.

18. (Previously Cancelled)

19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said calculating step comprises the sub-steps of:

generating an address of a memory storing image data corresponding to a coordinates of said relocated focus position;

reading image data stored in said address; and

calculating the focus position by processing said read image data.